

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An absorber comprising:

a laminated absorbent member comprised of laminated two or more super-absorbent sheets, a first upper super-absorbent sheet of the super-absorbent sheets has an uppermost surface, each of said super-absorbent sheets containing a super-absorbent polymer capable of absorbing aqueous liquid, and

a by-pass channel member which has a channel for moving aqueous liquid, fed to the uppermost surface of said first super-absorbent sheet, from the uppermost surface of the first super-absorbent sheet to another super-absorbentsheet of the super-absorbent sheets; and

wherein the by-pass channel member transports a portion of liquid disposed at the uppermost surface of the first super-absorbent sheet to said another super-absorbent sheet so that the portion of the liquid transported by the by-pass channel member to said another super-absorbent sheet is not absorbed by the first super-absorbent sheet, and the first super-absorbent sheet is closer to a skin of a user than the another super-absorbent sheet when the absorber is worn by the user,

at least a part of the by-pass channel member is composed of a non-woven sheet member, air gaps inside thereof function as the channel for moving the aqueous liquid;

a part of the non-woven sheet member is positioned above the first super-absorbent sheet; and

another part of the non-woven sheet member is positioned either above the another super-absorbent sheet or under the laminated absorbent member or both.

2. (Previously Presented) The absorber according to claim 1, wherein at least one layer of the super-absorbent sheets contains 50 wt% or more of the super-absorbent polymer and a thickness of the super-absorbent sheet is 1.5 mm or less.

3. (Withdrawn) The absorber according to claim 2, wherein all of the super-absorbent sheets contain 50 wt% or more of the super-absorbent polymer and thicknesses of the super-absorbent sheets are 1.5 mm or less.

4. (Withdrawn) The absorber according to claim 1,  
wherein at least a part of the by-pass channel member is composed of a tube member that has a channel inside;  
an entry end portion is formed by positioning one end of the tube member above the first super-absorbent sheet, or by positioning the one end of the tube member such that an end portion of the first super-absorbent sheet is inserted in the channel; and  
an exit end portion is formed by positioning the other end of the tube member either above another super-absorbent sheet or under the laminated absorbent member or both, or by positioning the other end of the tube member such that at least one end of the another super-absorbent sheet is inserted in the channel.

5. (Withdrawn) The absorber according to claim 4, wherein a water-transferring sheet is provided in the channel of the tube member.

6. (Withdrawn) The absorber according to claim 1,  
wherein at least a part of the by-pass channel member is composed of a concavity-and-convexity-containing sheet member that has a concavity-and-convexity-containing surface with concave portions and convex portions on at least one surface thereof;  
the concavity-and-convexity-containing sheet member has apertures in some of or in all of the convex portions;

a part of the concavity-and-convexity-containing sheet member is positioned above the first super-absorbent sheet with the concavity-and-convexity-containing surface facing upward; and

another part of the concavity-and-convexity-containing sheet member is positioned either above the another super-absorbent sheet or under the laminated absorbent member or both.

7-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) The absorber according to ~~claim 8~~ claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ a part of the non-woven sheet member is positioned above the first super-absorbent sheet so as to rise from a surface thereof.

10. (Currently Amended) The absorber according to ~~claim 8~~ claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ a part of the non-woven sheet member covers an area in a vicinity of a center portion of the first super-absorbent sheet, and functions as a skin-contact sheet.

11. (Withdrawn) The absorber according to claim 1,  
wherein at least a part of the by-pass channel member is composed of hydrophilic fiber or hydrophilic fiber bundle; and  
at least the first super-absorbent sheet and the another super-absorbent sheet, which makes contact therewith, are sewn up with the hydrophilic fiber or hydrophilic fiber bundle.

12. (Withdrawn) The absorber according to claim 11, wherein a permeable fiber web is provided above the first super-absorbent sheet; and at least the permeable fiber web, the first super-absorbent sheet and said another super-absorbent sheet which makes contact therewith are sewn up by a needle-punching process.

13. (Previously Presented) An absorbent product to be fed with an aqueous liquid from an upper side thereof, comprising an aqueous liquid permeable sheet member, the

absorber according to claim 1, and an aqueous liquid impermeable sheet member, from the top in this order.

14. (Previously Presented) An absorber of claim 1, wherein the by-pass channel member also transports a portion of the aqueous liquid fed directly onto the by-pass channel member to said another super-absorbent sheet.

15. (New) The absorber according to claim 1, wherein the basis weight of the non-woven sheet member is  $20 \text{ mg/m}^2$  or more.

16. (New) The absorber according to claim 1, wherein apparent specific gravity of the non-woven sheet member is  $0.1 \text{ g/cm}^3$  or less.

17. (New) The absorber according to claim 1, wherein the non-woven sheet member uses thermal-bond non-woven fabric.

18. (New) The absorber according to claim 17, wherein the thermal-bond non-woven fabric is constructed in the form of laminate of the hydrophobic and hydrophilic fiber layers.

19. (New) The absorber according to claim 1, wherein the non-woven sheet member uses non-woven fabric in a multi-layered structure.

20. (New) The absorber according to claim 19, wherein the non-woven fabric in a multi-layered structure is a composite sheet made by bonding a paper layer or non-woven fabric layer with a flat and smooth surface alternately with one another.